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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the INVENTION ENTITLED STENT, the specification of which was filed on November 24, 2003 as U.S. Application No. 10/719,068.

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